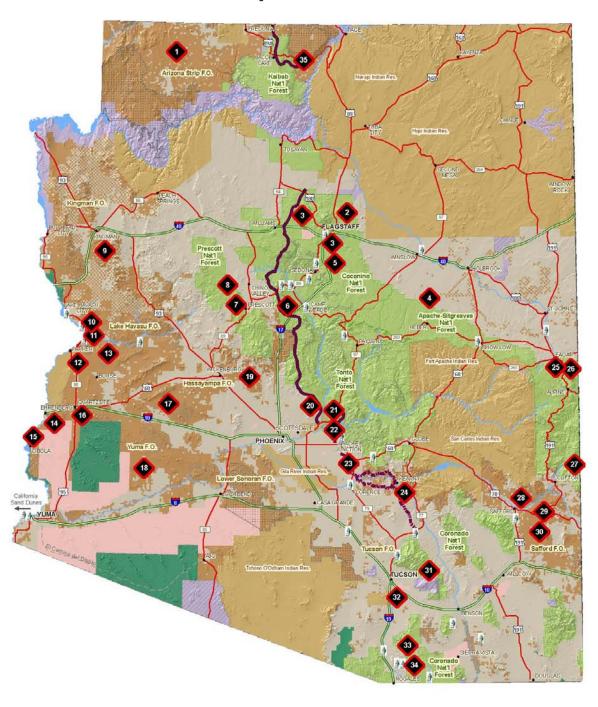
Nature Rules!

Stay on the trails.





1. Arizona Strip

The Arizona Strip, "where the west stays wild", is that remote and largly unsettled region of Arizona north of the Colorado River with more than 5,000 miles of dirt roads. Road conditions vary. No services available. Stay on existing routes. Travel limited to designated routes in National Monuments, and prohibited in wilderness areas. Watch for signs. High desert to ponderosa pine forest. Avoid use in wet weather. Contact the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip Field Office, (435) 688-3200.

2. Cinder Hills OHV Area

Comprised of an extensive area of deep volcanic cinders in a ponderosa pine forest, east of Highway 89 and south of Sunset Crater National Monument. Respect the National Monument. Approximately 13,500 acres available for all types of motorized vehicles. Ponderosa Pine Forest. All seasons, occasional snow in winter. Contact Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District, (928) 526-0866.

3. Kendrick and Mormon Lake/Pinewood Snowmobile Trail Systems

Riding areas are available for snowmobiles on signed trails, when conditions permit. Ponderosa pine forest. Contact Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District, (928) 526-0866.

4. Long Draw OHV Route

This 30-mile loop for highway-legal/licensed vehicles is located on the Mogollon Rim northeast of Payson. Start at Long Draw North Trailhead (Chevelon Crossing) or South Trailhead (Chevelon Lake). Toilets and campsite facilities. Area has shared use routes open for OHV use, including snowmobile. Ponderosa pine forest. Routes may be closed at times due to weather conditions. Call Apache-

Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-4481.

5. Munds Park

The planned Munds Park OHV trail system will link the community and visitors to a network of Forest Service system roads in the cool pines. Routes may be closed in winter due to snow or other weather conditions. Contact Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District, (928) 526-0866 for further details.

6. Hayfield Draw/Bryant Park OHV Area

Eight miles west of Camp Verde, south of Highway 260, is an 80-acre cross country area limited to ATVs and trail bikes, access to more than 100 miles of designated trails and twoacres of beginners course. Facilities include toilets, ramadas, picnic areas, and parking. High desert. Contact Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District, (928) 567-4121.

7. Alto Pit OHV Recreation Area

This 400-acre site that lies four miles west of Prescott on Iron Springs Road includes a 13-acre cross country area and eightmiles of designated trails open to ATVs and trail bikes. Beginner course for vehicles under 90cc. Facilities include restrooms, picnic tables and shade ramadas for day use only. Future intentions are to provide OHV camping. Ponderosa pine forest. Occasional snow in winter. Contact Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District, (928) 443-8000.

Sheridan Mountain/Smith Mesa OHV Trail System

This 42-mile trail bike and ATV route system is located west of Chino Valley near Camp Wood. Primitive roads available for full-sized vehicles. No facilities or water available. Chaparral and Ponderosa pine forest. Trail system brochure is available. Contact Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw and Chino

Valley Ranger District, (928) 443-8000 or (928) 777-2200.

9. Hualapai Mountain OHV Trailhead

Access to hundreds of miles of old mining routes near Kingman. Motorized use is limited to existing routes. Elevations range from 6,500 ft. in the pines to 1,000 ft. in the low desert. The facility is a fee area that offers cabins, camping and a staging area. Contact Hualapai Mountain Park, (928) 757-3859.

10. Standard Wash

Just five-miles south of Lake Havasu City, the area offers more than 7,500 acres of fun, challenging trails for many types of OHV opportunities and camping. Use existing routes only. Low desert. Spring, fall, winter seasons. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200.

11. Parker 400 Desert Race Course*

This desert racing event has been around since 1972. The course offers three loops of about 136-miles. Race is held around late January. Course offers demanding, difficult route all year long. Parts of the course require vehicles to be highway-legal/licensed. Access near Parker, AZ. Low desert. Spring, fall, winter seasons. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200.

12. Shea Spectator/Pit Areas and Osborn Wash

Located east of Parker using Shea Road, post and cable define the boundaries of race pit and spectator areas of the Parker 400 Desert Race. The braided Osborn Wash is adjacent and south of the spectator area. These locations combine to create excellent OHV riding and camping opportunities. Low desert. Spring, fall, winter seasons. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200.

13. Swansea Townsite

Located 30-miles east of Parker, this low desert area allows all types of OHVs and passenger cars. Tour historic mining town. Includes interpretation, picnic areas, facilities, and camping. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200.

14. Ehrenberg Sandbowl

Area is located just south of Ehrenberg, off of the Ehrenberg-Cibola Levee Road. Approximately 2,000 acres of sand dunes open to vehicle travel. Facilities include a parking lot, ATV loading ramps, toilets, shade ramadas and picnic tables. Day permits are required and available at self-service kiosk upon entry. Annual permits available. Contact the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200.

15. Ehrenberg-Cibola OHV Routes

Area is located between Ehrenberg, Cibola, Colorado River and Yuma Proving Ground (928-328-2720). Dibola National Wildlife Refuge (928-857-3253) to the south (call for access information). Travel limited to existing routes and prohibited in wilderness areas. Obey warning signs. Low desert. Call the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office (928) 317-3200.

16. La Posa OHV Routes

Area is located near Quartzsite at Highway 95 and Interstate 10. Yuma Proving Ground (928-328-2720) on the southwest and the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge & Wilderness (928-783-7861) on the southeast (call for access information). Travel limited to existing routes and prohibited in wilderness area. Obey warning signs. Low desert. Contact the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200.

17. Harquahala Mountain Summit Road Backcountry Byway

Rugged 3,000 ft. and 10.5 mile

climb to historic 1920 Smithsonian Solar Observatory. Site includes picnic areas, restrooms, access to historic hiking trail and primitive camping. Stay on existing routes. Sonoran desert; hot in summer with thunderstorms and wash outs on road. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Hassayampa Field Office, (623) 580-5500.

18. Yuma East OHV Routes

Area located between Interstates 10 and 8. Yuma Proving Ground (928-328-2720) and Kofa National Wildlife Refuge (928-783-7861) to the west (call for access information). Encompasses portion of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Hunting Unit 41. Stay on existing routes. No vehicle travel in wilderness areas. Obey all warning signs. Low desert. Contact the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200.

19. Hieroglyphic Mountains Area/Boulders Staging Area*

Numerous OHV routes between Lake Pleasant (east), Wickenburg (west), and Prescott National Forest (north). Stay on existing routes. Boulders Staging Area, off Highway 74, between mileposts 11 and 12 offers access, camping and restroom. Area is a mix of private, state and public land; do not trespass. Low desert. Call Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Hassayampa Field Office, (623) 580-5500 (access guide available).

20. Granite Mountain*

Operation of motorized vehicles on Granite Mountain is currently under review. The new City of Scottsdale dust ordinance #3776 (which amends Scottsdale Revised Code Section 19-14) states that motorized vehicles may not be operated on a surface that is not dust free. The City ordinance was passed by City of Scottsdale City Council. This was in

response to Air Quality legislation (SB1552) that passed in 2007 because a portion of Maricopa County and Pinal County is above the particulate matter less than 10 micron (PM-10) which exceeded federal air quality control standards for public health and safety.

City of Scottsdale is mandated to begin enforcement of Ordinance 3776 immediately and Granite Mountain on State Trust Land within the City of Scottsdale does not meet current requirements to control dust, therefore Scottsdale Police Department will begin enforcement of motorized vehicles on surfaces that are not dust free (unpaved, untreated).

21. Rolls OHV Area

This 27,000-acre area is near Phoenix, east of the Beeline Highway, north of Saguaro Lake and south of the Four Peaks Road. Vehicle travel allowed only on existing routes. Low desert. Contact Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District, (480) 610-3300.

22. Bulldog Canyon OHV Area

Located near Phoenix, with access from Mesa at Usery Pass Road, off of the Bush Highway. Vehicle travel allowed only on routes designated open. All routes other than FR10, 12, 1356, 3512, 3556, and 3554 closed to travel. Permit required. Low desert. Contact Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District for a required permit (480) 610-3300.

23. Desert Wells*

180-miles of rolling trails for all OHV types, located near Apache Junction (US Route 60 and State Route 79). Permit required. Stay on existing signed routes. Stay out of grazing areas and cattle water tanks. Good family ride. Low desert. Contact ASLD (602) 364-2753 to purchase a permit. Contact AZ Game and Fish Department for an access guide at (602) 942-

3000 or download guide at www.azgfd.gov.

24. Mescal Mountains OHV Area

Near Kearny, area good for beginners and allows for all types of off-highway vehicles. Elevation from 2,000 to 2,400 feet. Use limited to existing routes which are on Bureau of Land Management managed land. Includes staging area, picnic and camping areas and restrooms. Low desert. Contact Town of Kearny, (520) 363-5547.

25. Sunrise to Big Lake Snowmobile Route

When snow closes roads on the National Forests, this route remains open for snowmobile use. Facilities include toilets and trailhead parking that accommodates trailers. Route traverses beautiful mountains and meadows through forests of pine, spruce, and fir. Contact Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Springerville Ranger District, (928) 333-4372.

26. Saffel Canyon Trail

This trail, near Eagar, has spectacular views in the White Mountains. Trail is 25-miles round trip and climbs to 9,400 ft. through pinyon-juniper, ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Moderate difficulty. Trailhead parking; picnic ramadas, restroom and a "tot lot" where young riders can learn basic ATV skills. Contact Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Springerville Ranger District, (928) 333-4372.

27. Rattlesnake Gap

Located on the southern portion of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest with more than 25-miles designated for motorized travel. It may seem like a relaxing drive at first, but quickly turns treacherous if the weather gets rough. Some routes restricted to highway-legal/licensed vehicles. Two campgrounds. Contact Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Clifton Ranger District, (928) 687-1301.

28. Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area

Rugged OHV opportunities located 20-miles northeast of Safford. Motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads. The Gila River corridor is closed to all motorized vehicles within the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (RNCA). High desert. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, (928) 348-4400

29. Black Hills Backcountry Byway

The old Safford-Clifton Highway takes you back in time and offers challenging 4x4 side trips. The south entrance is 16miles east of Safford. High desert. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, (928) 348-4400.

30. Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area

This 1,900-acre "open" dune area is located 25-miles south of Safford. Two hot tubs, restrooms, campsites and a picnic/watchable wildlife area. OHV travel is also allowed on existing routes outside the Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area. High desert. Contact Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office (928) 348-4400.

31. Redington Pass Backcountry Touring Area

Located 12-miles northeast of Tucson. Access via Redington Road. Stay on designated routes. Secondary dirt roads are very rugged and will challenge technical driving skills. High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommendation. High desert and oak woodland. For an area brochure contact the Coronado National Forest, Santa Catalina Ranger District, (520) 749-8700.

32. Pima Motorsports Park

Located south of Tucson, this county-operated park includes competitive and practice motorcross tracks for bikes, an ATV track, cross-country trail

and obstacle course. Offers ATV certification classes. Low desert. Park for day use only and requires a fee. Contact Pima County Parks and Recreation Department (520) 877-6000.

33. Santa Rita Mountain Backcountry Touring Area

Just west of Highway 83 and north of Sonoita, the east side of Santa Rita Mountains offers miles of roads in high desert and oak woodland foothills. Avoid wet conditions. Contact Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District, (520) 281-2296.

34. South Patagonia Mountains

Between Nogales and Sierra Vista, east of Highway 82, the Patagonia Mountain range offers many opportunities for OHV recreation in high desert scrub and oak woodland. Avoid wet conditions. Contact Coronado National Forest, Sierra Vista Ranger District, (520) 378-0311.

35. Great Western Trail, Arizona Section

The Great Western Trail (GWT) is a long and primitive, shared-route anticipated to run from Mexico to Canada through Arizona, Utah, Idaho, and Montana. The 800-mile Arizona Section of the GWT is nearly 50% complete and located on existing backcountry routes. Some segments require vehicles to be highway-licensed/legal.

- *Trails run on both public lands and State Trust Land. You must obtain a permit from the Arizona State Land Department to ride on State Trust Land. Contact the ASLD at (602) 364-2753 to purchase a permit. Recreational use on State Trust Land is temporary and may be terminated at any time.
- Most sites listed here are multi-use where many types of recreational users share the same trails, please be courteous when meeting other trail users. Fees are subject to change.

OHV Rules and Laws

Overview. Each agency that manages land has its own rules, regulations and laws to enforce. Rules and laws change. Before riding or driving on lands, check with the appropriate agency about the rules and requirements. Most areas restrict OHV use to established routes. Some areas have seasonal closures to address erosion, watershed and wildlife habitat protection concerns.

Free OHV Laws, Rules and Regulations Guide. For OHV Rules and Restrictions, refer to the Arizona Game and Fish Department Guide to Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Laws, Rules and Regulations. Call Game and Fish at (602) 942-3000 for a free guide or visit www.azgfd.gov for information on OHV rules and regulations.

Title and Registration. State motor vehicle laws apply on many backcountry roads; that means your vehicle must be registered and you must be licensed. A good rule of thumb is if a passenger car can use the road, your vehicle will need to be registered. Some roads and trails are open to unregistered recreational motor vehicles. Check with the local land management agency for information on road status.

Many vehicles are required to display a title plate. The "Off-Road" or "RV" plate hat you may have on your OHV is only an indication that the vehicle has been titled in the State of Arizona. It is NOT a registration plate and does not allow you to ride or drive on roads that require your vehicle to be registered.

Contact the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle for more information on the documentation required, equipment, and inspections needed to register OHVs for "street or highway" use at (800) 251-5866 or visit www.azdot.gov/mvd. Contact adjoining states for information concerning what is required when riding or driving in those states.

Crossing Paved Roads Without Vehicle Registration. Local authorities may have jurisdiction on which paved streets and highways you can cross while riding or driving a vehicle that is not registered. Check with your local authorities such as the County Sheriff about current local regulations. If allowed to cross on a paved road, cross at a 90-degree angle where there are no obstructions and good visibility.

Out-of-State Visitors. If you are not a resident of Arizona and are visiting for a short duration of time you do not need an Arizona title plate to ride on public lands in Arizona, however, you need to follow the OHV title, registration, sticker and/or other requirements of your home state (see A.R.S. 28-2001 for definition of an Arizona resident). You must abide by all Arizona OHV Laws, Rules and Regulations.

Drugs and Alcohol. Use your judgment and sharp reflexes while riding or driving. Don't drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It is illegal!

Responsibility

Tread Lightly! Hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and OHV recreationists all have certain things in common such as a love of the outdoors and the use of a motor vehicle in the pursuit of recreation. Knowing how to Tread Lightly!® is the responsibility of all recreationists. The Tread Pledge is simple:

- Travel only on trails.
- Respect animals, plants and people.
- Every time you go outdoors, think safety, bring a friend and be prepared.
- **A**lways leave the outdoors better than you found it.
- **D**iscover how fun the outdoors can be when you Tread Lightly.

Fore more information on Tread Lightly!®, visit <u>www.treadlightly.org</u> or call (800) 966-9900.

Get a Permit

State Trust Land. Arizona State Trust lands are NOT public lands. You must obtain a permit from the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) to be on State Trust lands. Recreational permits are available for individuals (\$15), families (\$20), nonprofit groups and for specific events. Permits are valid for one year from the date of purchase. Permits are subject to certain terms and conditions such as vehicles may not be operated within 1/4 mile of any building or stock tank, leave gates as you found them open or closed and other terms. Restrictions may apply.

State land may be leased for grazing, commercial, or agricultural use. When recreating on State Trust lands, please follow the rules and keep in mind that someone else is making a living from that land. To apply for an ASLD Recreation Permit, call (602) 364-2753, download a permit application online at www.land.state.az.us, or visit the State Land Department office at 1616 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Indian Reservations. While several tribes provide excellent recreational opportunities, all travel in reservations is restricted to public roads unless you have a permit from the particular tribe. For a listing of tribal government contact information, visit the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs website at www.indianaffairs.state.az.us/tribes. html.

Private Property. Many dirt roads that you ride or drive on cross private property. Respect private property. Ask for permission before you ride on private land. Do not trespass. There can be civil and criminal penalties for violating trespass laws.

OHV Training

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)The ATV Safety Institute ATV Rider course provides hands-on

training in basic techniques for riding an all-terrain vehicle. If you recently purchased a new ATV, you may be eligible for free training. For a training center near you, call the nationwide toll-free number (800) 887-2887 or visit www.atvsafety.org

Off-Highway Motorcycles

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) DirtBike School provides hands-on off-highway motorcycle rider training with an emphasis on safety and skill development. For a training center near you, call the nationwide toll-free number (877) 288-7093 or visit www.dirtbikeschool.com.

Four-Wheel Drive Vehicles

The Arizona State Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc (ASAW4WDC) provides a 4x4 Safety and Awareness Program that is sanctioned under the United Four Wheel Drive Association (UFWDA) (www.ufwda.org). For more information, visit ASA4WDC online at www.ASA4WDC.org.

Call Before You Go

Before you ride or drive, always contact the appropriate land manager to check on route closures, fire danger, local conditions, special permits/permission, OHV policy, and maps of route and area information.

Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers over 12 million surface acres of public lands in Arizona for a variety of uses, including recreation, and to protect the natural resources of the land. There are field offices throughout the state that provide on-the-ground field management. Visit the BLM Arizona at

www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html.

- BLM Arizona State Office: (602) 417-9200
- Arizona Strip Field Office: (435) 688-3200
- Lake Havasu Field Office: (928) 505-1200

- Kingman Field Office: (928) 718-3700
- Yuma Field Office: (928) 317-3200
- Safford Field Office: (928) 348-4400
- Tucson Field Office: (520) 258-7200
- Hassayampa Field Office: (623) 580-5500
- Lower Sonoran Field Office: (623) 580-5500

National Forests

Each of the state's National Forests has primitive, minimally maintained routes available for OHV use. Always call to check on fire danger, local conditions, and OHV policy. Avoid wet roads. Visit the USDA Forest Service at www.fs.fed.us.

- Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest: (928) 333-4301
 Alpine Ranger District*: (928) 339-4384
 Black Mesa Ranger District*: (928) 535-4481
 Clifton Ranger District: (928) 687-1301
 Lakeside Ranger District*: (928) 368-5111
 Springerville Ranger District*: (928) 333-4372
- Coconino National Forest:

 (928) 527-3600
 Happy Jack Information Center:
 (928) 477-2172
 Mogollon Rim Ranger District:
 (928) 477-2255
 Mormon Lake Ranger District*:
 (928) 774-1147
 Peaks Ranger District*:
 (928) 526-0866
 Red Rock Ranger District:
 (928) 282-4119
 South Gateway Visitor Center:
 (928) 284-5323
- Coronado National Forest: (520) 388-8300
 Douglas Ranger District: (520) 364-3468
 Nogales Ranger District: (520) 281-2296
 Safford Ranger District: (520) 428-4150
 Santa Catalina Ranger District: (520) 749-8700

- Sierra Vista Ranger District: (520) 378-0311
- Kaibab National Forest:

 (928) 635-8200
 North Kaibab Ranger District*:
 (928) 643-7395
 Tusayan Ranger District:
 (928) 638-2443
 Williams Ranger District:
 (928) 635-5600
- Prescott National Forest:

 (928) 443-8000
 Bradshaw Ranger District:
 (928) 443-8000
 Chino Valley Ranger District:
 (928) 777-2200

 Verde Ranger District:
 (928) 567-4121
- Tonto National Forest:
 (602) 225-5200
 Cave Creek Ranger District:
 (480) 595-3300
 Globe Ranger District:
 (928) 402-6200
 Mesa Ranger District:
 (480) 610-3300
 Payson Ranger District:
 (928) 474-7900
 Pleasant Valley Ranger District:
 (928) 462-4300
 Tonto Basin Ranger District:
 (928) 467-3200

*Districts with snowmobile opportunities

Safety First!

General Safety Guidelines

- Water, water, and more water!
- Tell a responsible person where you are traveling and when you will be returning.
- Do not go alone. Consider riding with a club.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
- Supervise riders younger than 16. Parents are responsible for their childrens' safety.
- Know your vehicle. Read the owner's manual.
- Check your vehicle before each trip.
- Take an off-highway vehicle safety and mechanical training class.

Wear Protective Gear (as appropriate for your OHV)

- Approved helmet
- Eye protection
- Gloves
- Long-sleeved shirt/jacket
- Over-the-ankle boots

Ride the Proper Size ATV recommended by the ATV Safety Institute and ATV manufacturers:

- Under 70cc: 6 years and older
- 70 90cc: 12 years and older
- Over 90cc: 16 years and older

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Protect Your Privilege...Prevent OHV Site Closures...Abuse it, Lose it.

Excessive complaints about OHV recreation uses such as dust, noise, and speed can force OHV site closures. OHV sites are being closed partly because of environmental damage from OHV use such as violation of clean air rules due to excessive dust from vehicles. Help prevent OHV site closures. Protect your privilege. "Nature Rules. Stay on the trail."

- Stay on designated routes. Do not make new trails.
- Do not harass wildlife. Riding over plants destroys wildlife habitat.
- Signs are important for travel and your safety. Do not destroy signs.
- Avoid creating dust. Slow down.
- Keep out of closed areas. Do not trespass.
- Keep your OHV quiet. More complaints, more closures.
- Leave gates as you found them, opened or closed.
- Fences keep livestock confined.
 Do not cut fences.
- Do not drive on a route smaller than the width of your vehicle.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Do not litter.
- Reduce the risk of fire. Make sure your vehicle's spark arrester is in good working condition.

- Be considerate of others by sharing trails. Pull off to the side of the trail, shut off your engine, and let horses and hikers pass.
- Get involved. Join an OHV club and volunteer to maintain the trails you ride. Provide your input to land managers on OHV projects. Serve on the statewide OHV Advisory Group through Arizona State Parks.

Report Abuse

Wildlife

When you encounter wildlife in the backcountry, appreciate it, respect it, and LEAVE IT ALONE. If you observe a game law violation or wildlife harassment contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at (800) 352-0700.

Vandalism

If you observe acts of vandalism or habitat destruction, note a description of the persons, vehicles, license plate number, location, time, date, and any other information. Report this information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour hotline at (800) VANDALS (1-800-826-3257).

Arizona State Parks

1300 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 542-4174 www.azstateparks.gov 1-866-INFO-OHV